

HONORING AND REMEMBERING
JUDGE LOYS CRISWELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge Loys Criswell, soldier of justice in the State of Oklahoma, farmer, beloved husband, father, and friend to many.

A life-long resident of Oklahoma, Judge Criswell grew up in the town of Duke during the difficult years of the Great Depression. During his formative years, violence and shoot-outs were commonplace along the streets of Duke, and justice and accountability were non-existent. Judge Criswell lost several relatives and friends in these conflicts. So impactful were the events of his youth that Mr. Criswell dedicated his entire adult life to administering justice, and offering hope and rehabilitation to offenders.

Judge Criswell was also committed to social justice issues and equal opportunity for everyone. When he learned of the plight of the babies of Mexican migrant workers dying from dysentery, Judge Criswell sprung into action and assisted the Southwest Oklahoma Migrant Ministry in developing better housing and improved conditions for migrant workers.

As a highly effective prosecutor and later a juvenile and family judge for many years, Judge Criswell's keen understanding of the history and nuances of our intricate legal system, along with his strong sense of justice—tempered by compassion and his belief in redemption for offenders—profoundly impacted the lives of thousands of individuals and families, and helped improve the overall quality of life for everyone within his region of Oklahoma. As county attorney in Altus, Mr. Criswell eliminated close to twenty illegal operations in the county, and in other rural parts of the area. His intelligence and unwavering belief in the American judicial system were unmatched by none, as was his deep sense of compassion for everyone who stood before him within the walls of his courtroom. Personally and professionally, Judge Criswell was a man of integrity, character, kindness and ideals. He was a brilliant man with an ever-hopeful heart, and an ever-humble spirit. Judge Criswell was bestowed with many awards and accolades for his brilliant work, yet he always shied away from praise and accolades.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of my friend and mentor, Judge Loys Criswell, who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was a man of vision, a scholar, a farmer and seeker of truth. And above all else, Judge Criswell was a man who possessed a heart as expansive and true as the rolling farms of Oklahoma. Judge Criswell dedicated his life to justice and positive change and consistently reached out to members of his community. I extend my deepest condolences to Judge Criswell's beloved wife Edna, and beloved daughter, Beverly. Judge Loys Criswell's life has made a true and significant difference in the lives of many—in Oklahoma, and in places beyond, and his spirit and legacy will live on forever.

SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF
THE 7TH DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give honor to this great body, which I shall leave at the end of this term. This is the most Democratic body in the Federal government, turning to the American people in our districts every other year for reinstruction and rededication, as well as reelection.

We are the representatives who most directly represent America, and I am proud to have been elected by the people of the 7th District of Alabama to serve them for a decade. It is my hope that these good Americans believe that I have represented them well—I know that I have tried with all my mind, my soul and my body to do so.

I feel good that I was able to maintain a 100% voting record for the working men and women of Alabama, the consumers and the constituency I represented in the U.S. Congress.

It has been a special burden and a special honor to represent one of the poorest districts in the richest nation in the world.

It has been a special burden and special honor to represent a district mostly comprised of a minority not long ago enslaved by the very nation in which they are now citizens.

It has been a special burden and a special honor to represent the victorious battleground of the civil rights movement, a battleground that gave America nonviolent resistance, and gave the world a more honorable way to struggle for human rights.

As I leave this body, it is my prayer that America will make as its first priority the ending of poverty in the richest nation in the world. To have poverty in the midst of riches is unconscionable and we must move immediately to end this most destructive condition from the American people forever.

It is my prayer that America will finally move beyond the ignominious history of racism that has eaten at our nation's heart since the conception of this nation. The racism which has historically oppressed Blacks such as myself in this nation too easily turns against others, against Arabs, Asians, and may well turn again against Jews.

It is my prayer that America will find a way to place human values before monetary ones. Today, money is the engine of everything in this nation. People matter less and less in the face of monetarism, both in this nation and in the world. Globalization is not the high-minded internationalism we have dreamed of—it is instead the take-over of the world by transnational corporations which may have been born in America but which are loyal only to wealth. We have to put people before profits before the people are nothing but products.

It is my prayer that America will find a way to achieve international peace. We cannot continue to use cheap nationalism to reduce people to less than human, religious arrogance to call others evil, or media blitzkriegs to whip the American people into imperialist cheerleaders.

For this intertwined world, there is only one way to survive and that is to survive together. However many nations exist, there is only one human race. It is neither good nor evil—it is human. I for one find it deeply lovable. I place myself in its service, in the service of the people of the world.

HONORING PAUL MARTIN OF
PETALUMA, CA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Martin of Petaluma, California, who has just received the Award of Distinction from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of California at Davis. This highly competitive award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated leadership and achievement or brought distinction to the College through their careers.

During the ten years I have been in the U.S. Congress, Mr. Martin's in-depth knowledge of agricultural issues has been invaluable as a resource to me and my office. Paul has given unsparingly of his time to educate me and my staff on the needs of the dairy industry as it relates to federal legislation and the Sixth Congressional District. We have also worked together on our shared goals to preserve family farms. In fact, although he typically votes Republican, his campaigning on my behalf is a reflection of his commitment to those goals.

Paul Martin graduated from UC Davis in 1965 and from the California Agricultural Leadership Program in 1980. Next year he will receive an MA in Public Policy from Sonoma State University. In addition to operating two dairy ranches and working for Western United Dairymen as coordinator of Environmental Services and Field Representative, Mr. Martin has been a leader in a wide range of agricultural, environmental, and community causes. Some of these include service with the California Air Resources Board, State Water Resources Control Board, USDA Sonoma-Marine Dairy and Range Belt, Chief of Two Rock Volunteer Fire Department, Petaluma American Little League, Two Rock 4-H, Sonoma County Farm Bureau, and Petaluma High School District Facilities Committee. He also served as a First Lieutenant, USAR in Viet Nam and received a Bronze Star.

A third generation dairyman on his family's ranch, Mr. Martin has lived in Petaluma his entire life. His son John now raises heifers and beef cattle on the dairy while his daughter Betsy and daughter-in-law, Natalie use the ranch to raise dairy cattle for showing and sales.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Martin is respected as a leader within the agricultural community whose advice and knowledge I value highly. I am proud of his award and his many contributions to his community and to the dairy industry. And I am especially proud to call Paul Martin my friend.